

Juvenile Justice Improvement Committee
Judicial Conference of Indiana

Minutes
June 6, 2008

The Juvenile Justice Improvement Committee of the Judicial Conference of Indiana met at the Indiana Judicial Center on Friday, June 6, 2008 from 12:00 noon until 3:00 p.m.

1. Members present. Robert R. Aylsworth, Mary Beth Bonaventura, Deborah A. Domine, Thomas M. Hakes, Marilyn A. Moores, Peter J. Nemeth, Loretta H. Rush, and Charles F. Pratt, Chair.
2. Staff present. Jeffrey Bercovitz, Nancy Gettinger, and Anne Jordan provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Guests present. Judge Mary R. Harper, Porter Circuit Court; and Mr. David Monnier were present.
4. Minutes approved. The minutes for the meeting on May 2, 2008 were approved.
5. HEA 1001.
 - a. Jeffrey Bercovitz outlined the session on Friday, June 20, 2008 on HEA 1001 and distributed a copy of a proposed website for HEA 1001. He distributed questions about the legislation. The committee members reviewed and revised the questions. The committee agreed a summary of the legislation should be distributed with the confirmation form to judicial officers. They also agreed to send draft emergency language to be used with HEA 1001.
 - b. Committee members also reviewed: (1) HEA 1122, Delinquents and detention centers; (2) HEA 1165, Homelessness, foster care youth and education; (3) HEA 1234, School attendance records and enforcement; (4) HEA 1259 Child safety and CHINS; and (5) HEA 1290, Older youth in foster care; New Interstate Compact on Placement of Children; Commission on Disproportionality in Youth Services.
6. Report on ISBA Mental Health Project: Judge Harper gave a report on the ISBA Mental Health Project. She indicated she would give a report at the Juvenile Court Judges Annual Meeting and the project would be accepting additional counties soon.
7. Presentation by David Monnier. Mr. Monnier spoke to members of the committee about the juvenile justice system in a case involving his family.
8. Next meeting dates. Committee members agreed to meet again on the following dates: August 29, 2008 if needed, October 3, 2008 and November 7, 2008, all from 12:00 noon – 3:00 p.m. at the offices of the Indiana Judicial Center at 30 South Meridian Street in Indianapolis.

Respectfully submitted,

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